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HAVE A DAY FOR THE FISHERMEN.

A DIGBY IDEA WHICH GLOUCESTER MIGHT WELL TAKE PATTERN AFTER.

Gloucester can well afford to follow the example of Digby, N. S., and have a Fishermen's Day. It was such a success at Digby last year that a hustling committee is already at work making arrangements for the event this year and the date has been set down as July 29.

A meeting was held last week and the mayor and all the big fish dealers took hold and a handsome big cup and cash prizes were guaranteed. It is also planned to make the day a regular holiday for all.

The Maritime Fish Corporation have offered the cup and cash prizes for the flying fisherman's race for the blue ribbon of the seas of western Nova Scotia and a general meeting is to be held later to arrange for all sorts of land and water sports.

The big feature of course will be the race of the fishing vessels and it will give the chance the crews of schs. Dorothy M. Smart, Albert J. Lutz, Loren B. Snow and others have been itching for to see which is the fastest sailer. A fisherman's motor boat race is also on the list, also for fishing boats without power and fishing dories.

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TO FISH ON PACIFIC COAST

MANY MEN FROM THIS CITY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE TRIP TO THE WEST.

Freeman Thorburn, formerly a well known fisherman at this port, but who went to the Pacific coast to try his fortunes some five or six years ago is here trying to get a gang of fishermen for the Robinson Fish Company of Anacortes, Washington. The men are wanted to go salt codfishing in some of the Robinson vessels.

Some five or six years ago a party of about 30 fishermen went from here to Anacortes to go in the Robinson vessels. Thorburn was one of the party which was gathered by Capt. George Johnson, then an oiled clothing dealer on Duncan street, who went out with them and engaged in business out there.

Mr. Thorburn wants about 32 men and says he will have no trouble in getting that number of good fishermen and could get 10 more if he needed them. He plans to start for Anacortes tomorrow and the men whom he has shipped will go with him at that time.

It is also currently reported among the fishermen that four or five well-known fishermen will also go to the Pacific in company with Mr. Thorburn's party, but have not shipped with him, they preferring to go "on their own hook," and look the ground over after they get there and decide for themselves what line of fishing they want to go at and what port to go from.

Sunday a party of seven well known fishermen, who had been talking for some time about going to the Pacific coast to engage in fishing, probably fresh halibut, left this city, their objective point being Seattle, Washington. The party comprised Merrill Greenleaf and Archie Selig, both well known cooks, Edward Lawler, Albert Piccott, Peter Lorenzo, McKay and a man named Smith, who had returned here from there last fall and had made up his mind to go back again.

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Pollock Seiners In—No Fish.

The pollock seiners Lafayette and Mystery arrived yesterday afternoon with no fish. They are part of the fleet which went to the eastward after schs. Little Fanny and Marion Turner got their hauls off Boon island. No fish have been seen since then and they report the fleet harbored at Old York.

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DRIVING FISH INTO THE NETS.

NOVEL IDEA OF AN OHIO MAN FOR INCREASING THE CATCH OF THE FINNY.

Throw away your seines; sell your trawls for junk; cut up your handlines and listen to this new way of catching fish.

The Fishing Gazette says that Charles K. Freer, of Port Clinton, O., well known all over the country because of his connection with fishing interests, has perfected an invention for driving fishes. The patent was granted during December, says Lake Erie Reporter. The Freer plan provides for the setting of nets in the water and then rounding up the fish and driving them into these nets. The device consists of a hollow buoy, shaped like an oar, and supporting bars on which is an electric alarm bell. Suspended from the buoy is a sort of flexible member, resting longitudinally and kept under water by a weight. A series of these buoys and "flexible members" is arranged like a sweep and with one end attached to the end of the set nets, the other end is hauled through the water by means of a row boat or power boat, the operator controlling the electric signals. In this way, it is expected, the fish will be driven to the nets like cattle to a pen.

The technical description by the patent office reads:

The combination of a buoy made hollow and having substantially an oar shape, supporting bars mounted within said buoy and extending crosswise thereof, said supporting bars being below the center of gravity of said buoy, an electric bell while said buoy is afloat. The combination of a longitudinal flexible member, a plurality of floating bodies connected therewith for supporting said flexible member in a substantially horizontal position at a predetermined level above the surface of the water, a plurality of buoys connected with said member and adapted to be dragged through the water, and a plurality of weights connected with said member for preventing the same from rising to the surface of the water. A device of the character described, comprising a plurality of floats for resting upon the surface of the water, a plurality of substantially oar-shaped buoys connected with said line and disposed below the level of said floats, weights for preventing said buoys from rising to the surface of the water, a plurality of alarm carried by said buoys and means controllable at will for energizing said alarms simultaneously.

FISHERMEN OFF FOR THE WEST.

This afternoon, on the 4 o'clock train, some 20 or 25 fishermen of this port will start on their journey across the continent, to Anacortes, Washington, from which port they will engage in the salt cod fishery in vessels of the Robinson Fisheries Company.

The company will go out in charge of Freeman Thorburn, who formerly fished out of this port and who went out to Anacortes with a party of fishermen from here about six years ago. Mr. Thorburn still fishes from the Robinson concern, going hand in one of their vessels, or as he expresses it, "still in the dory, like the rest of the boys."

Mr. Thorburn is not sure of just how many men will make the trip with him, but this morning said he expected between 20 and 25.

SOME GOOD STOCKS.

T Wharf Market Boats Profiting by Recent Big Catches.

Some of the big off shore crafts which have been at T wharf the past few days profited well from their large catches of cod and haddock. The skippers feel, too, that there are still some more good dollars out on Georges for them before Cape North time and are counting on two or three more nice paying catches before the cod school, which has come late this season, and just struck on, is gone from the ground. They are figuring that

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codfish to split will bring a fine price when the catch becomes too much for the fresh fish market to handle.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$1780 on her recent haddock trip at T wharf and the market boat Evelyn M. Thompson, which took a trip to Georges, ran up the stock of \$1370 for the trip. Sch. Moanum, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, stocked \$1765; sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Asa Baker, got \$1525 on her fare landed here and sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, stocked between \$1500 and \$1600 on her fare at T wharf.

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CHATHAM HAS CLAMS.

Kept Everybody Off Flats and Enjoyed a Fine Season.

Chatham seems to have been especially favored with the shell fish this season, the sea clams that literally carpeted the waters of the bay inside Monomoy, having given the best fishing for many years.

Fishermen from other towns near Chatham attempted to fish in the waters within the limits of Chatham, but the resident fishermen strenuously objected and the result has been that the Chatham men have had things their own way within the waters of their town.

Along the coast near Dennis the hell fish problem seems to be a vexed one and during the winter committee representing the fishing interests have appeared before the legislature to secure laws that will be equitable for all the residents.

Off the south coast of Cape Cod at Yarmouth, Dennis, Barnstable and Chatham, the bottom of the bays are natural breeding grounds for shell fish of all kinds and during the past dozen years the business of dredging for scallops, sea clams and quahaugs has grown to tremendous proportions.

Offered His Rescuers a Drink.

It takes much more than a plunge into the icy waters of Portland harbor to quench a man's spark of gracefulness. That was evidenced Thursday evening at Commercial wharf, when a man, much the worse for a series of drinks he had taken, fell into the dock.

At the time the schooner Lizzie May was just coming in. The man in question was on the edge of the wharf and when one of the fishermen threw a line, the inebriated one attempted to catch it, lost his balance and fell overboard. A dory was at once launched from the schooner and the man hauled aboard.

He was taken into the fore-castle, given a chair by the stove and efforts made to revive him. These were fully successful. The man opened his eyes slowly, felt in his hip pocket, pulled out a flask and then thanking all hands for the rescue, he invited all hands to have a drink. The reward was refused.

Dodfish Phalanx Gathering Early.

Capt. John Shea of the sch. Stranger found dogfish again in spite of the cold weather. He fished on the eastern part of the Middle bank in deep water, and Thursday John Strong, one of his men, brought to the schooner 18 good sized dogfish which he had found on his trawl. Fishermen, who know the habits of the fish well, are surprised to hear of their being near shore in the cold weather.

Some of the other members brought in monkfish which they had taken on their lines on Thursday. There is a saying among the fishermen that when a monkfish is caught there is sure to be rain within 24 hours. The rain came yesterday.

Recent Good Stocks.

Sch. Vanessa, Capt. William Firth, stocked \$1800 on her recent haddock trip at T wharf, the crew sharing \$40 clear. Capt. Firth has been doing well all winter, making short and paying voyages and is right in the lime-light with the "big fellows."

Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Lewis Carritt, stocked \$2140 on her fare landed at T wharf yesterday, the crew sharing \$49.50 clear. Capt. Carritt has been making a fine record this season and his friends are deeply grieved at his present serious illness and are earnestly hoping for word that he is improving.

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Herring Scarce in England.

Edward Jolles, of the Standard Importing Company, New York City, returned recently from a visit to the English herring producing sections. He confirms the reports of a shortage in supplies of herrings in England, not being overstated.

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T WHARF HAS FISH GLUT.

SOME OF THE HADDOCK UP THERE IS GOING TO THE CANNERS NOW.

T wharf continues to be well supplied with fish and just at present it probably has more than it needs, or more than the trade will take. In consequence some of the haddock are going to the canners. One large lot sold yesterday afternoon to the latter for \$1.75 and this morning they got two more fares at \$1.80. Yesterday afternoon there was quite a lot of codfish in, for the school has just struck on Georges, and it was thought some of these might have to come down to split, but this morning the indications are that the market will take them all and at a fair price, everything considered.

Since last report half a dozen big trips have arrived from off shore. All have quite a lot of cod and the skippers report striking these, or the most of them, on their last day's fishing, showing that the cod school, which is late this year, is just striking on.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita has the banner trip, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, who is making his first trip of the season, after being ashore all winter, celebrating his return to the fish mart by sagging in 110,000 pounds, 40,000 pounds of which are cod. The other off shores in are schs. Elsie, Baymah, Virginia, Maud F. Silva and Rex. Beside these there are 13 of the market boats at the pier, the most of them with small catches, though some as usual have big ones. Schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan and Sadie M. Nunan fished for hake and cusk and struck them all right. The market boats all got good prices.

Off shore haddock sold from \$1.80 to \$3 and shores at \$4.50 to \$5.50. Off shore cod went at \$2.50 and \$3 and shore stock \$3 to \$3.50. Hake were \$2 to \$5, cusk were off to \$1.60 and \$2 and pollock hung like a leech to the \$4 mark.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 500 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Elizabeth M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Pontiac, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Virginia, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Elsie, 50,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Rex, 45,000 haddock, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Washakie 3000 haddock, 700 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Hockamock, 2000 haddock, 1200 cod, 3000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. George H. Inbee, 11,000 haddock, 1300 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 12,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 4000 haddock, 2300 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Yankee, 12,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 70,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Haymah, 35,00 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 60,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 500 cod.

Off shore haddock, \$1.80 to \$2 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$4.50 to \$4.75; off shore cod, \$2.50 to \$3 right through; shore cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$1.60 to \$2; pollock, \$4.

Portland Fish Notes.

Except for the fish brought in by the small boats Monday the only fares reported were the Albert D. Willard with 4000 and the Carrie and Mildred with 1500 for the F. S. Willard Company. The latter fare was the best that the steam netter has landed to date.

Two of the Portland fishing fleet, the Topsail Girl, Capt. John A. Doggett, and the Watauga, Capt. Daniel Hayden, are now fitting to go halibutting and will leave in a couple of weeks.

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To Take the Stiletto.

Capt. Reuben Cameron will go out in command of sch. Stiletto on her haddocking trip, her regular skipper, Capt. Lewis Carritt being seriously ill at the hospital at Boston.

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NO CRAFT IN THIS MORNING.

EASTERLY WITH FAIR RUN HOME
OUGHT TO BRING SOME
SOON, HOWEVER.

It was somewhat expected that this morning would find a trip or two of haddock and halibut here, and more especially so where the stiff easterly had been blowing for half the night, but the expectations went astray for the morning light revealed no craft at anchor waiting to market a catch.

Some crafts are looked for, however, during the day or by tomorrow morning and an easterly with its good run home, generally brings a bunch of them along that otherwise would stop and fish a day or so longer.

What shore boats there were in went out early in the evening, but this morning they were all back and will stay tied up today at least.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Prince Olof, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Weazel, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Mindora, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Eagle, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Harriett, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
Steamer Besie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, pollock seining.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

Today's Fish Market.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.00 for medium.
Bank halibut, 10c per lb., for white and 8c for gray, with the heads off.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.
Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.
Splitting prices for fresh fish:
Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium, \$1.30; snappers 50c.
Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.

ICE ON QUERO BANK.

Capt. Charles Wilson of the Agnes at Portland Reports the Condition.

The great ice field, extending from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and through the Cabot strait, to the east and southward, has forced its way onto Quero Bank, the present season fishing ground of the fresh halibut fleet and the ground over which the early salt bankers fish on the start of their trips. One of the local halibut fleet, sch. Agnes, has already been caught in the ice field and worked out of it after much endeavor, with the loss of an anchor and some cable.

The Agnes, under command of Capt. Charles Wilson arrived at Portland yesterday afternoon with 8000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Wilson reports the icefield of wide extent. The craft got caught in its embrace March 2, while a fierce snow storm was in progress, accompanied by a heavy wind. The great cakes, tossed by the heavy sea made the craft's position a dangerous one and it was several days before she was able to free herself from the danger zone.

The Agnes sold her fare at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

Change in Skippers.

Capt. Joseph Barrett will now take command of sch. N. A. Rowe in the cod netting fishery and Capt. Alex Goyetche, formerly of the Rowe, will now command the sloop Nettle in the same line of fishing.

Four Trips in 10 Days.

Capt. Maurice Lubee has been letting no grass grow on the keel of his sch. George H. Lubee and the last 10 days have been harvest time all right with all on board of her. In that time they have made four trips, landing one at Portland and three at T wharf, stocking \$2500, while every man Jack of the 14 who man her has taken down \$85 clear as his share. Talk about gold mining or banking, there is nothing like fishing when things are breaking good for a skipper and crew!

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Yarmouth Doing Well at Haddocking.

The haddockers which have been fishing out of Digby and Yarmouth, N. S., this season have been bringing in some big catches from Brown's bank and little LaHave. Several fares of 100,000 pounds of haddock have been reported. Today the sch. Dorothy M. Smart is at Digby with 85,000 pounds of cod and haddock. On Saturday sch. Kernwood arrived at Yarmouth with 45,000 pounds, the result of one day's fishing and sch. Albert J. Lutz, there at the same time, had 35,000 pounds.

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FALLING OFF IN RECEIPTS.

BUT DEALERS SEEM TO HAVE
ENOUGH TO CARE FOR THEIR
WANTS.

Fish receipts at T wharf today are not so heavy as on the previous mornings this week, still there is enough for the dealers. Prices hold about the same, off-shore haddock doing a little better than yesterday, bringing \$2 and \$2.25.

Of the 11 arrivals, four are from off-shore, sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, bringing the largest catch, 86,000 pounds. The market boat Mary B. Greer was not far behind her with 82,000 pounds, which must be about all she can carry. The captain of the Greer has been fishing with the off-shore fleet on Georges for several trips and has been getting his share all right, and more.

This catch will net him and his crew a very large stock. The steam trawler Spray is in again and with an ordinary fare, while the Provincetown Frances V. Sylvia with 70,000 pounds and the Morning Star with 65,000 pounds completes the off-shore receipts up to opening time.

The market boats, with the exception of sch. Matthew S. Greer, have small catches, the Greer with 9000 of hake in her 13,000 pound catch being in line with another fine financial return.

Shore haddock brought \$4.50, cod sold from \$3 and \$3.80, hake, \$2 to \$5 and pollock, \$3.80.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
Sch. Conqueror, 70,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 65,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
Steamer Spray, 46,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Harriet, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 2500 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Athena, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Morning Star, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 9000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Off-shore haddock, \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$4.50; cod, \$3 to \$3.80; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$3.80.

One of the Profitable Trips.

One of the most profitable trips of the winter in the haddock fleet was that just completed by sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, of this port. Illness has kept the captain ashore this winter, but following his usual custom, he went to Georges when it was about time for the cod school to strike, it being his first trip out for the season. He found big fishing and brought in 110,000 pounds of cod and haddock, stock-

ing \$2507.06 and on this each man of the crew received \$78 clear for his share. Capt. Mesquita will now hustle his craft back to Georges for another catch.

Still Fitting Out.

The schooners Joseph P. Johnson and Philip P. Manta, which have been held back at Provincetown because of difficulty in getting crews, are being fitted out and will probably be in the fishing fleet next week. They are the last of the Provincetown vessels to get ready this year, and are two months later than in former years.

Provincetown vessels have not been coming to T wharf as regularly this year as in the last. The captains find it is as easy to run into the home port, and ship their fish up there, thereby saving a lot of time.

Some Good Stocks.

The little shore fishing sch. Yankee Capt. John Dench, has made a remarkable record on her last three short trips, stocking \$2100, while the crew shared \$100 each clear.

Sch. Metamora stocked \$2100 on her fare of fresh fish landed at T wharf yesterday.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum of this port, is another of the crafts which fared well this week, for on her cod and haddock trip landed at T wharf, Tuesday, the fine stock of \$1900 was made.

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INGOMAR IN FROM GEORGES.

HARD WEATHER KEEPS SHORE
FLEET FROM GOING OUT
TODAY.

The howling northwester which followed the easterly rain storm brought two arrivals here during the night, sch. Ingomar bucking in from Georges and taking on a winter ice coating as she came across the bay. Capt. Horace Wildes hails for 50,000 pounds, half haddock and half cod. Sch. Mattie Winship, of the two hooker fleet, came in from the same ground with a good fare, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

The wind continues heavy this forenoon and none of the shore fishing fleet have gone out. The northwest storm signals are still displayed and nothing will go today except perhaps some of the big crafts which are looking for a fast run off, under short canvas.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ingomar, Georges bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges bank, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Agnes, via Portland.
Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Aspinet, shore.
Sch. Maude F. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
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Portugal Is Using Good Judgment.

The Republic was barely established in Portugal when a law was passed with respect to fishing by steam vessels. One of the provisions is that steam trawl fishing shall only be allowed outside the 100-fathom line,

and not nearer than three miles from the coast. Any vessel found infringing the law in this way will be seized, with its nets and catch, the catch will be confiscated, and the vessel prohibited from carrying on the fishing for a year. Portuguese vessels are forbidden to receive fish at sea from foreign vessels.

Lobsters Scarce and High.

Lobsters are scarce and high and "broiled live" is more of a luxury than ever. The price of the crustaceans at first hand has been steadily advancing and a few days ago at Yarmouth, N. S., a new price record was established for M. H. Nickerson & Company paid \$40 for one crate, to ship. This is the highest price ever paid at Yarmouth.

We May Keep Both.

The Fishing-Gazette says editorially:

"Somebody suggests that if Gloucester loses the fishing industry through reciprocity, it could take summer boarders, and make more money out of them. But it will probably get the fish and the boarders, too."

Highest Known for Lobsters.

Live lobsters reached 45 cents a pound wholesale, at Portland, yesterday.

This is the highest known in the market for years and probably is a record. The bad weather in Maine and Nova Scotia is the principal cause for the shortage.

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STARTING FOR THE WEST.

OVER SCORE OF FISHERMEN
LEFT YESTERDAY FOR ANACORTES, WASHINGTON.

When the 6.29 train pulled out of Gloucester station last evening, it bore with it 23 Gloucester fishermen, bound to seek their fortunes in the fisheries of the Pacific coast.

The definite aim of the party is to make Anacortes, Washington, where they will secure their outfits and immediately go on board some of the vessels of the Robinson Fish Company's fleet, either the Joseph, or the Alice, and sail away for the northern Alaskan waters on a salt codfishing trip, with the expectation of being back to port, with all sails set, in September.

During the day the clothes bags slowly gathered at the station and for a time it looked as though the party would number but few, but before train time the dunnage came with a rush, so that when "all aboard" was given, 23 there were who were on their way west.

The party is in charge of Freeman Thorburn, a former Gloucester fisherman, who went to Anacortes six years ago and is still fishing from that place, going hand in one of the Robinson vessels. He did not secure as many men as he wanted, although at one time he had fully 75 or 80 names on his list. It is understood that he was anxious to get between 30 and 40 and at one time there were probably that many who had intended going with him, but quite a number of them changed their minds before the day of leaving came and decided that Gloucester was good enough for them.

A large crowd of relatives and friends and old shipmates of the men who were going, gathered at the station to see them off and the leave taking was at once jovial and serious. There were no "good byes"—it was all "good luck, old man; take care of yourself." As the train drew out of the station, those staying behind, sent up a cheer for the fellows who were going.

The complete list of those who comprised the Thorburn party is: Fred Hanson, Ledwick Snow, Thomas Armsworthy, Horace Goodick, A. C. Allen, Alexander Campbell, George Powers, Adrian Saultier, Manuel Silva, Lemuel Nickerson, William B. Penney, Edward Martin, William Johnson, David Brewton, Joseph Mullen, Michael J. Getheral, James Milmo, Charles Brown, Allen McDonald, Jabez Kippen, Maurice Fletcher, William Selig and Gifford Hanson.